

REMARKS

Reconsideration of above referenced application is respectfully requested. After entry of the enclosed amendment, Claims 1-2, 4-13 and 15-26 remain in the pending application. Please cancel Claim 27.

Applicant's attorney has amended the claim numbering recited by the Examiner by changing the second recitation of Claim 23 as Claim 24 and sequentially numbering the subsequent claims in accordance therewith.

35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd paragraph, Rejection of Claims

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1, 2, 4-10, 13, 15-19 and 24 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, the Examiner alleges that the claims lack nexus with respect to the first and second cylinders as they relate to the other elements of the apparatus.

Applicant's attorney has again amended claims 1 and 13 to relate the cited cylinders with surrounding structure or function. Applicant's attorney believes such amendment overcomes the 112, 2nd paragraph rejection. Accordingly, Applicant's attorney respectfully requests this ground of rejection withdrawn.

Election/Restrictions

Applicant's attorney has cancelled Claim 27, as depicted in the claims and requested in the Remarks section above. Applicant's attorney respectfully requests this ground of objection withdrawn.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicant's attorney respectfully acknowledges the allowable subject matter of Claims 25

and 26. Applicant's attorney also acknowledges the allowable subject matter of Claims 1 and 13 if re-written or amended to overcome the 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd paragraph, rejection. Applicant's attorney also acknowledges the allowable subject matter of 2, 4-10 and 15-19 if re-written to overcome the rejection of 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, and to include all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Finally, Applicant's attorney acknowledges the allowable subject matter of Claims 11, 12 and 20-23 if re-written to overcome the rejection of 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, and to include all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims.

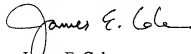
CONCLUSION

Applicant's attorney believes that the instant application is now in condition for allowance and therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner allow the pending claims. However, if the Examiner believes there are other unresolved issues in this case, Applicant's attorney of record would appreciate a call at (502) 584-1135 to discuss such remaining issues.

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Respectfully submitted,

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